

Graduated Sanctions Meeting Minutes December 16, 2003

Attendance: Petra Smith, Cedars; Rose Hughes, Lighthouse; Linda Ganz Alm, CenterPointe; Becky Steiner, Cedars; Janet Johnson, Cedars-Tracker; Corey Steel, Juvenile Expediter; and Anne Hobbs, Juvenile Justice Coordinator.

I. Youth in Detention:

There are 46 youth in the Detention Center. Staff Secure is full.

II. Attendance in Sanctions:

- Corey had a good month in November.
- Cedar's Day Reporting is full.
- BEST is low and will be discharging youth after Christmas, due to the new semester.
- ERC is almost full.

III. Problems:

There were none.

IV. Holiday Times:

- There was some confusion regarding GS programs being open the day after a holiday. Thus the GS programs will be open as follows:
- Cedar's Day Reporting, BEST and Evening Reporting Centers will all be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All 3 reporting centers will be open on December 26th.
- Cedar's Day Reporting, BEST and Evening Reporting will all be open on New Year's Eve Day and all will be closed on New Year's Day.
- Light House (Project Hire) will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the 26th.
- Light House (Project Hire) will be open New Year's Eve and will be closed New Year's Day and closed on January 2nd.

V. Program Descriptions:

Corey reviewed them and some programs still need to get revised descriptions to him. Corey hands the program descriptions out to parents.

VI. Update on the Youth Assessment Center

- There is a lot of talk going on.
- Corey doesn't know who is going to run the center.
- Assessment Center could go to a non-profit, or it may become a stand - alone agency.
- Construction is going on right now, to create a new room, where runaway youth may be held for up to 18 hours. The County Attorney approved this.
- It is hoped that the Assessment Center will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, beginning January 1st, 04
- All youth who are cited may be taken to the Assessment Center for a screening assessment.
- Assessment Center staff unsure of what will happen.
- At this point, no one is sure what is going to happen, but we do know that more things will be happening at the Assessment Center.
- The County Board is set to vote on the future of the Assessment Center on Thursday, December 18th.

VII. Other Items:

- Cedar's is holding their Truancy Task Force meeting on Friday, Dec. 19th, 03 at their 27th and Holdrege location. Petra strongly urged all to be there.
- A grant was submitted to the Crime Commission for a centralized in-take system.
- JAIBG Funds were restored to the federal budget, but the amount of funding was cut significantly.
- Diversion Referrals - Diversion's screening process is finding, youth to ineligible for Diversion due to the youth having 3-5 previous offenses.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, at 8:30.